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## Press Statement by Kim Yo Jong, Vice Department Director of C.C., WPK

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Pyongyang, March 7 (KCNA) -- Kim Yo Jong, vice department director of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, issued the following press statement on Tuesday:

One of south Korean puppet media on March 6 carried an unspecific report that the commander of the U.S. forces in the Indo-Pacific said something on February 24 to the effect that if we fired ICBMs into the Pacific, they would immediately shoot them down.

I don't know if he really made such improper words to speak for the stand of the U.S. military or if it was nothing but the puppet media's trite wordplay, but I clearly warn in advance irrespective of any reason whether it is true or not.

The Pacific Ocean does not belong to the dominium of the U.S. or Japan.

It is very interesting to see how the U.S., whose forces frequently conduct the testlaunches of strategic weapons in the Pacific every year as if the ocean were its yard, will respond if a third country attempts to intercept them under the reason for counteraction.

Had he been mindful that a specific approach must be taken to cope with such a terrible situation, he could have realized how unmanageable, excessive and crazy remarks he made.

The commander of the U.S. forces in the Indo-Pacific reportedly described the "south Korea-U.S. map exercise for operating extended deterrence means" as effective and "very meaningful" as it gave a message to the DPRK and another country. We, too, have a message to send to the U.S.

It will be regarded as a clear declaration of war against the DPRK, in case such military response as interception takes place against our tests of strategic weapons that are conducted without being detrimental to the security of neighboring countries in the open waters and air which do not belong to the U.S. jurisdiction.

We also remind them that our military code of conduct in such a situation has been set.

The demonstrative military moves and all sorts of rhetoric by the U.S. and south Korea, which go so extremely frantic as not to be overlooked, undoubtedly provide the DPRK with conditions for being forced to do something to cope with them.

As already clarified, we keep our eye on the restless military moves by the U.S. forces and the south Korean puppet military and are always on standby to take appropriate, quick and overwhelming action at any time according to our judgment.

The U.S. and south Korea had better refrain from making remarks and behavior any longer that aggravate the situation. -0-

## **Spokesman for KPA General Staff Issues Statement**

Pyongyang, March 7 (KCNA) -- A spokesman for the General Staff of the Korean People's Army (KPA) released the following statement on Tuesday:

In the morning of March 7, the enemy fired more than 30 artillery shells at the Chori shooting range in Jindong-myon, Phaju City of Kyonggi Province, situated in the forward area of the western front.

This is a very grave military provocation further aggravating the prevailed situation.

Promptly after the case occurred, the KPA General Staff ordered the artillery units under the Second Army Corps at 09:00 to get on the firepower alert posture for attack. And it kept the enemy movement under observation and took a step to intensify the overall front guard and the anti-aircraft combat duty.

The KPA General Staff solemnly warns the enemy side to stop at once the provocative military actions in the area of the Military Demarcation Line. -0-

## Press Statement by Chief of Foreign News Section of Department of Press and Information of DPRK Foreign Ministry

Pyongyang, March 7 (KCNA) -- The chief of the Foreign News Section of the Department of Press and Information of the DPRK Foreign Ministry issued the following press statement on Monday:

Despite our repeated warnings, the U.S. intentionally continues to aggravate the situation in the Korean peninsula and the region.

Today, the U.S. nuclear strategic bomber B-52 flew into the Korean peninsula again in three months and staged the fifth round of joint air drill this year. This is a reckless military provocation pushing the situation in the Korean peninsula deeper into the bottomless quagmire.

The recent joint air drill, staged in the wake of the "drill for operating extended deterrence means" held in February, clearly shows that the U.S. scheme to use nuclear weapons against the DPRK is being carried forward at the level of an actual war.

The danger of a nuclear war on the Korean peninsula is turning from an imaginary stage to a realistic one due to the irresponsible deeds of the U.S. and south Korea keen on the bellicose armed demonstrations contrary to the aspiration of the international community for detente and stability.

The unbroken chain of provocative military actions of the U.S. against the DPRK are foretelling the aggressive nature of large-scale U.S.-south Korea joint military exercises, which are to be launched in a few days, and the gravity of the catastrophic tension that will be entailed by them.

We express deep regret over the irresponsible and worrying muscle-flexing of the U.S. and south Korea, which are constantly pushing the situation in the Korean peninsula to an unpredictable state, and strongly demand an immediate stop to the military hostile acts of disturbing peace and stability in the Korean peninsula.

If the dangerous military provocations of the U.S. and south Korea continue to remain undisturbed, there is no guarantee that there will be no violent physical conflict in the Korean peninsula where huge armed forces of both sides are in acute confrontation.

The international community should join the DPRK in its peace-loving efforts to promote detente in the Korean peninsula and the region and send a clear signal to the U.S. and south Korea to stop the war drills at once. -0-

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